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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 6 as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck-through~~. Please cancel Claims 11, 12, and 14-20. Please add Claims 21-24.

1-5 (canceled)

6 (currently amended): A newsprint paper for offset printing comprising a base paper containing a filler or fillers in an amount of more than 15 percent by weight but less than 40 percent by weight as ash relative to the dry weight of the base paper,

wherein the filler or fillers have a zeta potential of 0 mV or above, and the base paper contains a deinked pulp at a highest proportion among constituent pulps.

7 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, which contains calcium carbonate as the filler in amount of more than 15 percent by weight but less than 40 percent by weight as ash relative to the dry weight of the base paper.

8 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 7, wherein the calcium carbonate is precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC) produced by a chemical method.

9 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, wherein the filler or fillers have an average grain size of 0.5 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

10 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 7, wherein the filler or fillers have an average grain size of 0.5 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

11 (canceled)

12 (canceled)

13 (previously presented): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, further comprising a clear coat applied on the base paper.

14-20 (canceled)

21 (new): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 8, wherein the grains of PCC is added without dispersant.

22 (new): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, wherein the deinked pulp accounts for at least 50% of the total pulp weight of the base paper.

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23 (new): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 6, wherein the filler or fillers are contained in an amount of no less than 21 percent by weight as ash relative to the dry weight of the base paper.

24 (new): The newsprint paper for offset printing according to Claim 13, wherein the clear coat is selected from the group consisting of oxidized starch, esterized starch, etherized starch, cationic starch, enzyme modified starch, aldehyde starch, hydroxyethyl etherized starch and other modified starches, carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, carboxyl modified polyvinyl alcohol, styrene-butadiene copolymer, polyvinyl acetate, vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate copolymer, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyacrylic ester, and polyacrylamide.